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FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1886.

LONG-DISTANCE telephoning is again exciting interest. Experiments were tried, the other day, over the telegraph wires between New York and Washington, with a new instrument. It worked successfully, and is the first one that has ever so long a wire.

THE statistics of the strikes were tabulated last week, and it appeared that they suspended nearly 50,000 men from labor—21,000 in the bituminous coal regions; 10,000 in New England textile and boot and shoe industries, 9,000 in the Southwestern railroad difficulties, and the remainder in the nail business and various other trades.

SIX only of the towns of the State adopted the town system of schools at the late annual meetings; these, with those that had previously thrown over the old way, make 37 that are trying the new. Enough have gone into it now to give the town system the thorough test it must withstand before it will be universally adopted.

THE Senate on Tuesday passed an important bill that had previously gone through the House. It increases the \$8 per month pension of widows and dependent relatives to \$12 a month. Other provisions of the act prohibit any recognition of claim agents or of attorneys in connection with the bill, and forbid any compensation to be paid to such agents or attorneys by reason of any action or services in relation to the increase of pensions provided for by the bill.

A USE has at last been found for meadows. Hitherto they have been looked upon, generally, as bogs. But now a bog is one—and perhaps this term can be applied to all of them—has made the business respectable by worming out of a murderer, confined in a Missouri jail, the secret of his crime. He was a prisoner, too. The jailer wanted him to establish his fellow-prisoner's guilt, and this he did by pretending that he was a medium and shrewdly so wording the questions that the answers charged the murderer with the deed. He confessed at last and is likely to hang.

VARIOUS measures are before Congress intended to secure a long second session of each national legislature without the necessity of the present adjournment on the 4th of March. Senator Ingalls wants the inauguration on the 30th of April, the day when Washington began his service as President, and has introduced this amendment to the constitution:

Article XVI.—That the term of office of the President and the second session of the 4th Congress shall commence until the 30th day of April, in the year 1886, and the 30th of April shall thereafter be substituted for the 4th of March as the commencement of the official term of the successive Presidents and Vice-Presidents and Congresses of the United States.

### THE DUSHEN CASE.

The discharge, on examination, of Solomon Dushen, charged with the crime of horse-stealing, created some astonishment. It has been supposed that when a person hires a team to go to one place, and then drives it to a different place, and there sells it and flees out of the State, and is adroitly captured by officers in his flight, his conduct is so far open to suspicion that he ought to be held for the action of the grand jury, to say the least. To one unfamiliar with criminal law it seems amazing that such a person should be found entitled to a clear discharge, without being held to any form of trial.

It is understood that the ground of discharge was that the accused was not shown to have intended to steal the horse when he took it. And this was claimed to be shown by the fact that, before he sold it, he partly arranged to have it

taken to Middlebury and delivered to the Ripton stage-driver; but immediately afterwards repented of this design, sold Addison of Shoreham, third.

If this is good legal ground of discharge, several interesting conclusions follow; such as—

First—Officers following a horse thief should make careful inquiry by the way to ascertain whether he has at any time repented, or had any conversation with any one about sending the horse back in the direction whence he came; for, if so, the officers' mission is at an end, such conduct placing the taker of the horse beyond all suspicion of crime.

Second—Persons accused of crime are to be held to intend to do, not what they actually do, but the opposite.

Third—Persons intending to engage in the business of stealing teams from livery stables (a safe and lucrative calling under this decision) should be careful to make partial arrangements for sending the teams back before disposing of them; then, if they get away, they win, and, if they get caught, they do not lose. Perhaps the decision may be sound upon the technical question of law, but, if so, it would appear that there is work for the next legislature in this direction.

### SUNDAY JUSTICE CASES.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., Will Holden, who lived in M. B. Williamson's tenement house, was arrested, charged with stealing a coat and whip from Mr. Williamson and a horse blanket from M. S. Carr, residing near by. The hearing was at the school-house in the neighborhood, before Justice L. E. Knapp of Middlebury. Holden pleaded guilty to both thefts and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Before Judge Knapp, at his office, the same evening, was heard the case of State against Alonzo Derby. The complaint against the respondent, made by Special Prosecutor A. P. Tupper, was for disturbing the peace, in threatening to murder Emma Derby, his sister-in-law, if she pounded his mother again. The parties live in the vicinity of East Middlebury. After a hearing of some length the respondent was discharged. Mr. Tupper for State; Jesse Stearns, Esq., for Derby.

The second trial of State against Robt. Steele, on the charge of transporting intoxicants from the freight depot to the saloon of John Connors, on or about the 28th of January, was had at the town room on Thursday, the 11th inst., before Justice Albert Chapman and a jury made up of J. W. Lovett, E. J. Matthews, C. H. Severance, C. W. Matthews, R. C. Crane and Henry W. Smith. Much difficulty was experienced in getting a jury satisfactory to the parties, and it was late in the afternoon before much had been done. The jury did not take the case till midnight. Their verdict was of acquittal. This finding however, was not based upon the merits of the case, but upon the character of the complainant. That document was not signed at the end by the special prosecutor, though his name and official title appeared in his own handwriting in the body of the instrument. The complaint was amended after the trial began, but the jury did not consider the paper a good one, and so found for the respondent. Mr. Tupper was assisted in the prosecution by W. H. Bliss, Esq., and Messrs. James M. Slade and Charles M. Wilds appeared for Steele.

Thursday night of last week Dorris Brouillet was arrested at a late hour by Policeman Dickinson and taken to jail. Friday morning Brouillet pleaded guilty to intoxication before Justice J. E. Stapleton and paid the fine of \$5 and costs. He said the liquor came from Boston. Special Prosecutor Tupper for the State.

On Monday last Rosy Clark, wife of Joseph Clark of this village, was arrested, on complaint of Grand Juror W. H. Matthews of Cornwall, for unlawful cohabitation, and arraigned before Justice Knapp at the town room, Middlebury. It appeared that Mrs. Clark, Lewis Senot and Sennott's mother live in L. J. Sampson's tenement house in Cornwall; and it was alleged that Mrs. Clark and Sennott sustained the relations of husband and wife, though Mrs. Clark has never obtained a divorce from her lawful husband, James M. Slade, Esq., prosecuted, and C. M. Wilds, Esq., defended. The State was unable to make out a case, owing, as was claimed, to the disappearance of two of the principal witnesses. The case against Will Holden, charged with the same offence, was nolle-pross'd.

Deputy Sheriff Cobb on Tuesday took Will Hance of East Middlebury to the house of correction at Rutland. He was on Monday convicted of breach of the peace before Justice J. E. Stapleton and sentenced to 33 days at Rutland.

### GENERAL COUNTY ITEMS.

The insurance on the life of the late Hon. E. S. Dana of New Haven amounted to \$1400.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Burlington, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, were married in Orwell.

In the trotting on Lake George, the 10th, New England Queen of Fair Haven won

the three-years-old race; time 2:38; John L. of Shoreham, Vt., second, and Addison of Shoreham, third.

Two boys, Walter Barrett, aged 14, and Lemuel Hamlin, aged 17, suddenly disappeared from Granville the other day and it was soon found that \$100 were missing from the town treasury, Sardine P. Hubbard treasurer. The boys were soon tracked and followed to Brattleboro depot, and there apprehended while waiting for the night express south. They were taken back to Granville and the money recovered.

### THE ADVENTURES OF SOLOMON DUSHEN.

Last Saturday afternoon Solomon Dushen hired of Frank Bushey of East Middlebury a horse and sleigh, saying he wished to use the rig about three hours. In the evening, Dushen not having returned, Bushey became alarmed and set out to find his property. He found that Dushen had not been where he said he was going and that one Mrs. Read, or Mary Dragon, as she is commonly called, had disappeared. He traced the pair to Ripton and thence toward Lake Dunmore. Monday morning he came to this village and got out a warrant for Dushen's arrest, which was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Rider, who forthwith proceeded to hunt up his man. He finally found him at Putnam a station 12 miles north of Whitehall, on the New York and Canada railroad. The doings of Dushen and his companion are thus told: Saturday night they made straight for Crown Point and spent the night there. Sunday Dushen drove back to Brattleboro and sold the horse and harness to Frank Nisum, proprietor of the hotel at Brattleboro village. He claimed to Mr. Nisum that he had hired out to a Mr. Towler in Shoreham, and wished to realize on the horse in order to pay for a cow he had bought. Mr. Nisum agreed to give him \$45 for the horse and harness, but, suspecting something wrong, the purchaser paid only two dollars down, it being arranged that Dushen was to come back on Monday and get the balance. Dushen then returned to Crown Point on foot. Monday morning the pair took to the railroad track, going south. They had gone when Mr. Rider reached Crown Point, but he heard by telegraph that they had passed Addison Junction, and, later, that they were at Putnam. He secured the services of a constable, and sent him on to Putnam on a train, he himself driving down on the ice of the lake. When they reached Putnam Dushen and his mate were in the station. They had bought tickets for Whitehall. Dushen was arrested and brought to Middlebury. Mrs. Read was left at Addison Junction, and arrived here on the train Tuesday forenoon.

The hearing was had Tuesday afternoon before Justice Knapp, and resulted in the discharge of the prisoner, whose case was argued by Mr. Wilds, Mr. Tupper appearing for the State.

Mr. Bushey accompanied Mr. Rider on the chase, and on the way home stopped at Brattleboro and recovered his property.

Dushen was re-arrested yesterday morning, at East Middlebury, by Deputy Sheriff Rider, on a warrant charging him with perjury at Tuesday's examination. The hearing comes off today.

### VERMONT MANNERS AT WINDSOR CASTLE

(From the Rutland Herald.)

Minister Phelps and Mrs. Phelps dined Monday evening with the Queen at Windsor Castle. One of the despatches announcing these honors spoke of the "composure and grace" with which they were borne by Mr. and Mrs. Phelps. Why, certainly. This surprises nobody who knows them or who knows the best social life of New England. The refinement of good behavior is not a European monopoly. The old-fashioned Yankee, described by Fitz Greene Halleck as one who would

"shake hands with a king upon his throne And think it kindness to his master," exists nowhere except in poetry or on the stage or in regions remote from social influences.

It is, of course, pleasing to their friends in America, and especially to their neighbors in Vermont, to know that Mr. and Mrs. Phelps are deemed worthy, personally, of the highest social distinctions which Mr. Phelps' official position invites, but it really adds nothing to their laurels to pass the ordeal with credit. They have known for several years what to do with their hands and feet. They do not tremble or giggle at Brattleboro, and presumably they did not at Windsor. If the despatch had only added that Mrs. Phelps did not chew gum nor Mr. Phelps smoke a cigarette our happiness would be complete.

### CURRENT OPINION.

The St. Albans *Messenger* discovers that Mr. Edmunds's speech in answer to the President "cannot be classed with his old-time efforts." Very true—for the country is agreed in calling it the greatest and strongest speech which Mr. Edmunds has ever made. But, all the same, the editor of the *Messenger* needs to look out or he will be making himself ridiculous.—*Brattleboro Phœnix*.

### COUNTRY COLLEGES.

(From the Boston Record.)

The Amherst college class of 1836 commemorates this year the fiftieth anniversary of its graduation. Some of the names on the list are noteworthy. Its salutatorian was the late Governor Alexander H. Bullock. The Rev. Dr. R. D. Hitchcock, president of the Union Seminary, New York city, Justices Kellogg and Doolittle, respectively of the Supreme courts of Vermont and New York, Dr. Nathan Allen of Lowell, and other men who have made their mark, are numbered among "the boys" of '36.

Such anniversaries remind the nation of the debt it owes its country colleges,

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